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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2175**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahide TANAKA

Group Art Unit: 2175

Application No.: 09/816,227

Examiner: S. Rimell

Filed: March 26, 2001

Docket No.: 108855

For: IMAGE STORAGE, PRINTED MATTER PRODUCTION SYSTEM, AND METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 6, 2005 Final Rejection, reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-28, 34, 35, 40, 41 and 45-47 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-16, 18, 22-24, 41 and 45-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,146,604 to Takada; and claims 17, 19, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takada in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,421,141 to Nishikawa.

Page 8 of the Office Action alleges that col. 2, lines 19 and 56-59 of Takada discloses a controller that stores a storing condition for each image provider. The identified portions of Takada merely disclose a controller 6 that is connected to an image reading unit 1 and that updates the content of the external memory unit 5 each time a search is performed. Takada